PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant:	Fang *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant submits this response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, for the above case. A petition for a two-month extension of time is being concurrently filed along with this response. If necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/INRP:033USC2.

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